CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Mosque Attack Aftermath Video

Other known title(s): Aftermath Video

OFLC ref: 1900175.000

Medium: Video File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: Arabic

Applicant: Chief Censor

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 18 April 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 April 2019

	Components	**Running time**
Timed component(s):	Aftermath Video	1:19
Total running time:		1:19

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a video depicting the moments immediately after the terrorist attack which took place at Linwood Mosque in Christchurch on Friday March 15th 2019. Consideration was given as to whether the publication requires an objectionable classification due to the level of serious physical harm and cruelty depicted. Consideration was also given as to whether it promotes or encourages acts of terrorism. Taking into account all relevant circumstances, it was decided that an objectionable classification was not necessary. A restriction to adults, however, is required, because children and teens are likely to find it disturbing and upsetting to an extent that it would have a negative impact on

their mental health and wellbeing. An R18 classification is a reasonable and justified limitation on the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.